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PARIS FOR EMBASSY AND NESCO

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SUBJECT: UNESCO CONVENTION ON RECOGNITION OF DEGREES IN
MEDITERRANEAN AREA

1. IT IS DEPT UNDERSTANDING THAT DRAFT CONVENTION ON THE
RECOGNITION OF STUDIES, DIPLOMAS AND DEGREES IN HIGHER EDU-
CATION IN THE ARAB AND EUROPEAN STATES BORDERING ON THE
MEDITERRANEAN (UNESCO DOCUMENT ED-76/CONF. 202/4 ANNEX 1)
WHICH WAS INITIALED IN PARIS 27 FEB IS TO BE SIGNED AT NICE
DEC 15. GOVERNMENTS OF TURKEY, SPAIN, FRANCE AND ITALY ARE
AMONG EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS SCHEDULED TO SIGN THE CONVENTION.

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2. FYI: CONVENTION'S ARTICLE 3 WHICH RECOGNIZES SECONDARY SCHOOL LEAVING CERTIFICATES AS QUALIFYING THE HOLDERS FOR ADMISSION TO HIGHER EDUCATION AND ARTICLE 5 WHICH RECOGNIZES CERTIFICATES, DIPLOMAS AND DEGREES FOR THE PURPOSE OF PRACTICING A PROFESSION WOULD, IF THEY WERE PRESENTED FOR ACTION BY USG, PRESENT TO USG GREAT DIFFICULTIES OF IMPLEMENTATION. WE HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE THAT GOVERNMENTS OF ADDRESSEE COUNTRIES MAY HAVE SIMILAR DIFFICULTIES. END FYI.

3. YOU ARE REQUESTED TO DETERMINE IF GOVERNMENT TO WHICH YOU ARE ACCREDITED PLANNING TO SIGN CONVENTION ON DEC 15. FYI: US IS CONSIDERING SENDING OBSERVER TO DEC 15 MEETING TO MAKE STATEMENT OF US ATTITUDE. IN DRAFTING SUCH A STATEMENT DEPT NEEDS TO KNOW ATTITUDES OF EUROPEAN ALLIES TOWARD CONVENTION.

4. FOR ROME: THIS IS CONVENTION DISCUSSED WITH CAO ARNDT AND OFFICIAL GOI DURING RECENT STRAUS VISIT TO ROME.

5. FOR BONN, LONDON AND USEC: DEPT WOULD APPRECIATE ANY AVAILABLE INFORMATION ON RESULTS OF CONSULTATIONS WHICH WERE TO BE INITIATED IN BRUSSELS FOLLOWING RECENT STRAUS VISIT TO BONN AND LONDON. KISSINGER

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